

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1951

To the Chairman & Members of the Whaley Bridge
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the district during the year ended 31st December, 1951. As I only commenced my duties as Medical Officer of Health to your Authority in December, 1951, most of the information has had to be obtained from the records of my predecessor. I am deeply indebted to your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. McLane, for his invaluable help in the compilation of the report.

Statistics & Social Conditions in the Area

Total Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	-	3,487
Estimated Population (mid 1951)	-	5,280
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1951.	-	1,833
Sum represented by a penny rate.	-	£134.
Rateable Value.	-	£33,416.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1951

	M.	F.	
Live Births, Legitimate.	37.	41.	78.
Illegitimate.	3.	-	3.
Still Births.	1.	1.	2.
Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population	-	-	15.3
" " " " " " (In England & Wales)	-	-	15.5
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (total live & still) births	-	-	24.1
Death Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population	-	-	15.1
" " " " " " (In England & Wales)	-	-	12.5
Deaths from Puerperal Causes.	-	-	Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.	M.	F.	
Legitimate.	1.	-	
Illegitimate.	0.	0.	
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age.	1.	0.	
Death Rate - All infants per 1000 live births.	-	-	12.3
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births.	-	-	12.8
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	-	-	Nil.
	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	6.	7.	13.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.	0.	0.

The chief occupations of the district are cotton weaving, cotton bleaching and calico Printing. These occupations have no pernicious effect on the health of the employees and the district as a whole maintained a good standard of health.

<u>Causes of death are classified as follows:-</u>	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis.	0.	1.	1.
Diphtheria.	0.	0.	0.
Pneumonia.	0.	1.	0.
Whooping Cough.	0.	0.	0.
Measles.	0.	0.	0.
Bronchitis.	4.	2.	6.
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	2.	1.	3.
" " Breast.	0.	1.	1.
" " Uterus.	0.	1.	1.
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.	4.	4.	8.
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	7.	5.	12.
Coronary Disease, Angina.	4.	4.	8.

	M.	F.	Total.
	21.	20.	41.
Other Heart Disease.	7.	18.	25.
Other Circulatory Disease.	2.	2.	4.
Hyperplasia of Prostrate.	1.	0.	1.
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	0.	1.	1.
Other defined and ill defined diseases.	1.	3.	4.
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	1.	1.	2.
Other Accidents.	1.	0.	1.
Suicide.	1.	0.	1.
	<u>35.</u>	<u>45.</u>	<u>80.</u>

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Inspections under the various Acts appertaining to Public Health were systemically carried out and any appropriate action taken when necessary.

Water Supply:

The water supply of the district is chiefly composed of upland waters collected and distributed from service reservoirs in different parts of the district, namely, Diglee, Foxhome, Stone Heads, Nook, Leehead and Taxal. All these service reservoirs were emptied and cleaned out during the year.

The number of premises supplied with Council's water was 1645 while 154 premises in the northern part of the district were supplied from the Stockport Corporation main which runs through the district. Thirty four houses only have a private water supply and this total is mainly composed of farms.

All houses using the Council's water have a piped supply laid on to the premises.

By exercising a strict control to reduce waste to a minimum a constant supply of water was maintained throughout the year without restrictions being imposed.

No extensions to water mains were carried out during the year although connections to the existing mains were made to service new houses.

Sewerage:

The sewage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewage disposal works at Furness Vale, the treatment being carried out under the control of the Whaley Bridge Joint Sewerage Board.

No complaints have been received concerning the discharged effluent into the River Goyt. The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing and rodding being carried out when necessary.

A 10% test bait of manholes was carried out each half-year to ascertain the degree of infestation of sewers by rats. Only very minor "takes" were found in isolated areas. The manholes affected were "poison baited" and no further sewer infestations have been noted.

Refuse Collection & Disposal.

The collection of refuse was not undertaken as regularly as one would desire, mainly due to staffing difficulties and sickness absences. Further abnormal maintenance work was carried out to improve the condition of Fernilee Tip.

The salvage of waste paper was maintained although collections were much reduced.

Factories Act

Periodical inspections of premises coming within the jurisdiction of this Act have shown sanitary conditions to be satisfactorily maintained.

Infectious and other Diseases

The district was very free from any serious cases of infectious disease throughout the year. No cases of malaria or dysentery were notified and your district had no influenza epidemic. It is again significant that no cases of diphtheria were notified during the period under review, once again emphasising the value of the immunisation scheme of which such great advantage has been taken.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Diseases.	Total	0	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Hosp. Cases	Deaths
	all ages.	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Over		
Smallpox.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	1.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diphtheria.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-
Other Dis. generally notifiable:-													
Erysipelas.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	50.	1	7	19	21	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	4.	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Myelitis.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Dis. notifiable locally.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	60	2	7	20	24	1	-	1	1	4	-	1	-

Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality, 1951

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65.	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 & Over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. COCHRANE,

Medical Officer of Health.

4th September, 1952.



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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE
DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER
1951

To the Chairman & Members of the
Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the
sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during
the year ended 31st December, 1951.

Housing:

Number of houses in district at 31st Dec. 1950	-	1,821.
New houses erected during year by:-		
(a) Local Authority	-	9.
(b) Private Enterprise	-	3.
Total number of houses in district at 31st Dec. 1951	-	<u>1,833.</u>

Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	-	96.
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Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation.	-	38.
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Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-	N11.
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Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of action by local authority (formal or informal)	-	36.
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Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	-	N11.
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Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	-	N11.
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Number of dwellings in respect of which undertakings were accepted.	-	1.
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Number of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	-	N11.
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Closet Accommodation in the Area

Houses with pail closet accommodation.	-	40.
Houses with privy accommodation.	-	14.
Houses with W.C. closet accommodation.	-	1780.

Sanitary Inspections

Number of inspections made under Public Health, Housing Acts, etc.	-	905.
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Defects or Nuisances:-

Number discovered.	-	356.
Number abated with or without Notice.	-	347.

Number of Notices served:-

Informal Notices.	-	171.
Statutory Notices.	-	3.
Legal Proceedings.	-	N11.

Details of Inspections:-

	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Nuisances abated.</u>
Defective Closet Accommodation.	98.	61.
Defective Ashbins or Ashpits.	61.	32.
Drainage Defects.	117.	92.
Housing Repairs.	112.	49.
Offensive Accumulations.	19.	2.
Urinals.	34.	1.
Flooding of Cellars.	14.	3.
Foul condition of Houses.	5.	1.
Animals improperly kept.	16.	2.
Water Supply.	137.	67.
Dairies, etc.	15.	-
Bakehouses.	19.	1.
Factories & Workshops.	68.	5.
Shops.	59.	-
Ice Cream Premises.	38.	-
Other Inspections.	93.	32.

Houses disinfected

After Scarlet Fever.	-	1.
After other diseases.	-	12.

Food Inspection

During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Pork Luncheon Meat.	38 tins.	Tomatoes.	35 tins.
Braised Kidneys.	4 "	Pineapple.	2 "
Salmon.	28 "	Apricot Jam.	5 jars.
Evaporated Milk.	27 "	Bananas.	4 tins.
Plums.	1 tin.	Prunes.	15 tins.
Peaches.	2 tins.	Butter.	49½ lbs.
Grapes.	2 "	Mixed Fruits.	13 jars.
Condensed Milk.	2 "	Ham.	174 lbs. 4 oz.
Beans.	27 "	Fishcakes.	9 dozen.
Peas.	9 "		

Salvage

During the year 11 tons 11 cwts. of mixed waste paper was collected and baled. This was sold for the sum of £193.11.10d.

Water Supplies

Details of service reservoirs supplying the area with water are as follows:-

	<u>Storage.</u>
Nook Reservoir	75,000 gallons.
Leehead Reservoir.	1,250,000 "
Taxal Reservoir.	20,000 "
Diglee Reservoir.	247,000 "
Foxhome Reservoir.	100,000 "
Stone Heads Reservoir.	200,000 "
Total storage capacity.	1,892,000 "

Estimated Population supplied with water by Council	-	4,716.
Estimated average daily consumption.	-	144,000 galls.
Estimated daily consumption per head of population	-	30.5 galls.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McLANE,

Sanitary Inspector.

